

NEWS SUMMARY

Willis predicts a 'dodgy' year

Mr Norman Willis, General Secretary of the TUC, has pledged support of the unions in reviving the country's economic fortunes in 1987...

Thatcher tops poll

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, were clear winners of this year's BBC Radio Four 'woman and man of the year' polls.

Parrots' nest egg

Mr Jim Dyer, a former executive with British Petroleum from Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, has left £2,000 in his will to a pair of African grey parrots.

Irish island for sale

Great Blasket, off Co Kerry on the south-west coast of Ireland, where literature in the Irish language once flourished, is being offered for sale for \$1 million (about £689,000) by Mr Taylor Collings, its American owner.

Norman conquest

Barry Norman, presenter of BBC Television's Film 86 has been elected Pipeman of the Year by the Pipemakers' Council.



Heart woman moves

Mrs Davina Thompson, the world's first triple transplant patient, has made such good progress that yesterday she was moved out of the intensive care unit at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

Local master settles for a chess draw

Two of the three adjourned games from round one of the Foreign and Colonial Hastings Grandmaster Chess tournament were completed yesterday.

Airline offers 500 part-time cabin jobs

British Airways is advertising for about 500 extra part-time and temporary cabin staff as part of a recruitment campaign.

'Britain has lost one of its finest statesmen'

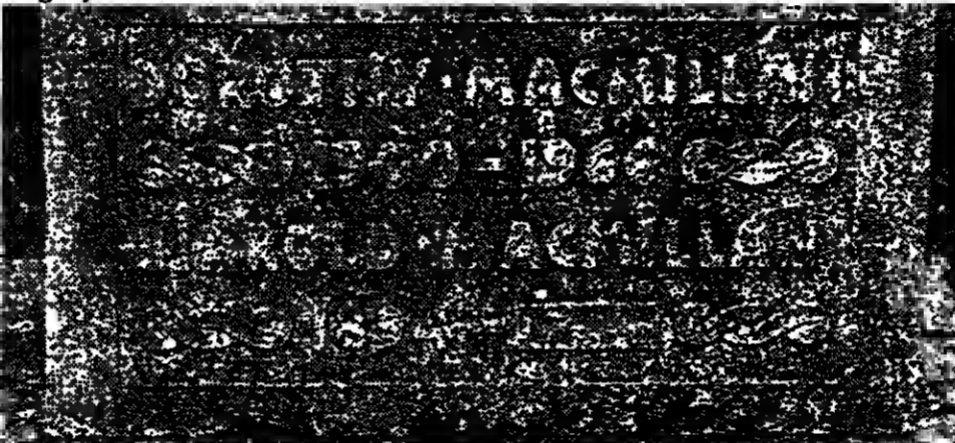
Country pays tribute to Stockton



Mr Adam Macmillan, Lord Stockton's grandson and brother of the heir to the title, at Birch Grove House yesterday; and the plaque on the family plot at St Giles church, Horsted Keynes, where Lord Stockton is to be buried privately on Monday (Photographs: Nick Rogers)

Politicians of all parties continued to pay tribute yesterday to Lord Stockton, the former Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan. They described him as "Father of the Nation" and "one of Britain's finest statesmen".

It was also announced that Lord Stockton, who died on Monday evening, is to be buried next Monday after a private funeral at noon. An memorial service will be arranged for a later date, probably in Westminster Abbey.



Lord Stockton's First World War experiences had shaped his political outlook. "There was a certain comradeship in the trenches which had a lasting effect and led him to be deeply and genuinely concerned throughout his whole life with social matters and particularly unemployment."

Lord Wilson recalled his "classical" debates with Lord Stockton when they were shadow Chancellor and Chancellor respectively. "When he and I were debating some financial question the House would be absolutely packed. But after the vote, when the Conservatives had won with a big majority, he and I would often be seen having a quiet drink and smoke together.

HMS Challenger controversy

Ship 'outdated when built'

The Royal Navy's new diving support ship, HMS Challenger, which is undergoing a multi-million pound refit less than two years after it entered active service, was up to 10 years out of date when it was completed, it was claimed yesterday.

Cinderella seat for Alliance

The Liberals and the SDP, who put up opposing candidates in a couple of bitterly disputed seats at the last election, now have the novel problem of a constituency where neither party wants to stand.

Union dismisses plan for 'merchant reserve'

Government proposals for a Merchant Navy Reserve have been dismissed as "unworkable" by Mr Sam McCluskie, General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen, in a new year message to his members.

Desire for farm home aids prices

The demand by wealthy townsmen for period farmhouses in the Cotswolds and other fashionable areas has continued the effect of the general fall in farmland prices, according to a leading firm of land agents.

Fireman killed in terrorist attack

Part-time firemen were shocked yesterday when they discovered they had removed the body of a colleague from an Ulster public house attacked by terrorists.

Another part-time fireman was injured in the bomb blast after an attempted armed robbery. Mr Liam McShane, aged 24, and Mr Christopher Glass had both been missing on the lam call-out at Maghera, Co Londonderry.

They had been clearing up after closing time at the Central Bar in the main street, where Mr Glass was a co-owner and Mr McShane helped out occasionally.

Unionists' £90,000 protest

Unionist members of Belfast City Council have voted to spend £90,000 of ratepayers' money on an intensified campaign of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Prostitute study backs advice on Aids

The low prevalence of sexually transmitted disease in a group of female prostitutes investigated by Danish physicians is, they believe, partly explained by the widespread use of condoms, a finding of particular relevance to the safer sex campaign in Britain intended to curb the spread of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

Science report

Its high incidence among male homosexuals, had not spread to the general population, the Aids epidemic was not restricted by the same boundaries of sexual orientation.

Tunnel publicity drive

There may also be regional seminars for businessmen, at which they could give their views on what impact they thought the tunnel, planned to open in 1993, would have.

COURT REPORTS

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NEW YEAR HONOURS

Life peerage goes to Woodrow Wyatt at head of varied field

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir Woodrow Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, former Labour MP and minister, is one of two life peers created in the New Year Honours today...

The newspaper columnist is noted for his outspoken attacks on the left and his autobiography, entitled Confessions of an Optimist, heads a list which features many names from the worlds of sport, the arts, music, fashion, business and politics.

Another sportsman to be honoured is Sandy Lyle, the former British Open champion, who gets an MBE. There is an OBE for Mary Goldring,

named by the Broadcasting Press Guild for her outstanding personal contribution to radio as presenter of the current affairs Analysis series.

Winning early recognition is Simon Rattle, the brilliant young conductor of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra who formed his first orchestra at the age of 15; he is made a CBE.

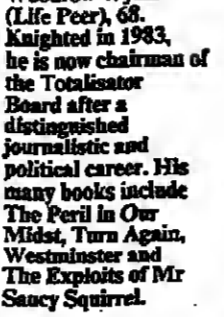
Sir John Summerson, former curator of Sir John Soane's Museum, is made a Companion of Honour for his services to the history of architecture.

A second Companion of Honour is Sydney Brenner, one of the founders of molecular biology.

There is a knighthood for Mr Bernard Ashley, widower of Laura Ashley, founder of the fashion and design group. He and his wife, who died in an accident last year, formed the company 32 years ago and he is now the chairman.

The Queen has used the Royal Victorian Order to give special recognition to six people for services they gave in connection with the Hampton Court Palace fire.

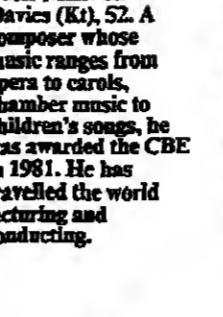
Woodrow Wyatt (Life Peer), 66. Knighted in 1983, he is now chairman of the Tote...



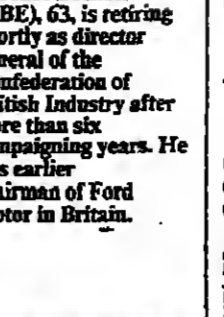
Mark Weinberg (Kt), 55, former chairman of the Marketing of Investments Board...



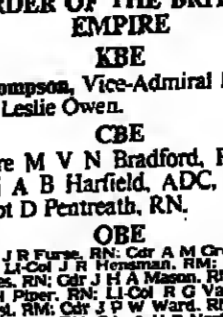
Peter Maxwell Davies (Kt), 52, A composer whose music ranges from opera to carols...



Terence Beckett (KBE), 63, is retiring shortly as director general of the Confederation of British Industry...



R-Adm J Burgess; R-Adm R G Heaslip; R-Adm K A Soow.



ROYAL NAVY

- ORDER OF THE BATH GCB Hunt, Admiral Sir Nicholas-John Sreynsham. KCB Black, Vice-Admiral John Jeremy...

THE ARMY LIST

- ORDER OF THE BATH GCB Guy, General Sir Roland, late The Royal Green Jackets, Colonel Commandant, Small Arms School Corps.

- ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE KBE Palmer, Lieutenant General Charles Patrick Ralph, Colonel, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

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Gordon Brook-Shepherd (CBE), 68. Author and journalist, he was a correspondent for 21 years and retired as chief assistant editor of The Sunday Telegraph...



Sheila Quinn (DBE), 66. Awarded CBE in 1978. Nursing adviser to British Red Cross Society...



Robin Leigh-Pemberton (PC), 59. Governor of the Bank of England since 1983...



Raymond Carr (Kt), 67, distinguished Oxford historian and Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, since 1968...



PRIME MINISTER'S LIST

LIFE PEERS BARONS Bramall, Field Marshal Sir Edwin (Noel Westby), Lord Lieutenant of Greater London...

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE CMG

J L Roberts, asst. under sec. MoD.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE DBE

Jessel, Mrs Penelope, for political services. Murdoch, Miss Jean Iris (Mrs Bayley), ovelist.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS

Pattie, Geoffrey, Ewring, Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry.

ROYAL RED CROSS

- Major A H Hutton, Para (TA), Maj P J Clifton, Para (TA), Maj J W Doodson, Para (TA)...

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

- Palmer, Lieutenant General Charles Patrick Ralph, Colonel, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE

- Maj B R Board, AAC. (Associate Second Class) Maj J G Morgan, RAMC (TA); Lt Col J G Morgan, RAMC (TA); Lt Col B R Board, AAC.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

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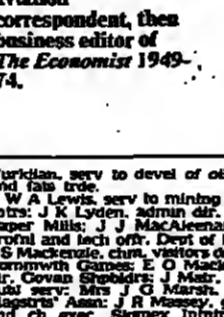
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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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Mary Goldring (OBE), 41. Freelance economist and broadcaster who has presented the Analysis programme on BBC Radio Four since 1977...



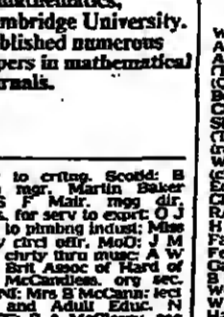
Simon Rattle (CBE), 31. Probably Britain's best-loved and widely enjoyed dramatist, he became principal of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in 1980...



Alan Ayckbourn (CBE), 47. One of Britain's most prolific and widely enjoyed dramatists, he has written, directed and produced plays for television and theatre which have consistently received critical and popular acclaim.



Peter Swinnerton-Dyer (KBE), 59. Chairman of the University Grants Committee since 1983. Educated Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. Professor of mathematics, Cambridge University.



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DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND OVERSEAS

KNIGHTS BACHELOR
Allea, Peter Austin Philip
Jermyn, lately Chief Justice of Uganda.
Cheng, Oswald Victor, for public services in Hong Kong.

Portrait photos of Bernard Ashley, Terence Beckett, and Alan Ayckbourn with captions. Ashley (KBE), 69, retired actor; Beckett (CBE), 56, director of the British Film Institute; Ayckbourn (MBE), 68, playwright.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

KNIGHT BACHELOR
Sarak, Dr Alexis Holyweek, for services in diplomacy and public and community affairs.

NEW ZEALAND

KNIGHTS BACHELOR
McMillan, Duncan Wallace, Judge of the Court of Appeal.
Rosen, Francis Henry, for philanthropic services.

ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

Hamilton of Dalzell, Baron John d'Heon.
Batten, John Charles.
Palles, William Reginald James.

British Empire Medal

Mr R. Andrews, for services in the Royal Air Force.
Mr J. H. Brown, for services in the Royal Air Force.

ST LUCIA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
J E Edmunds, for services in the Royal Air Force.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
C L Lake, surgeon specialist, med advr to gov.

ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL

P C Athow, for services in connection with the Home Office.
M J Batten, for services in connection with the Home Office.

Imperial Service

ORDER
M M A Robinson, for services in connection with the Home Office.

ST VINCENT AND GRENADINES

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
M B M B, for services in connection with the Home Office.

BARBADOS

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE
KCMG
Tudor, James Cameron, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Senate.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

B O Bennett, for services in connection with the Home Office.

Mauritius

Knight Bachelor
Raffray, Piat Joseph Raymond
Andre, QC, for public service and service to the legal profession.

ST CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
M B M B, for services in connection with the Home Office.

BELIZE

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
M B M B, for services in connection with the Home Office.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG
P V Y Lagasse, serv to bkng.
ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
CBE
A V Chettiar, pol and publ serv.

Imperial Service Medal

ORDER
M B M B, for services in connection with the Home Office.

ST CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
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TUVALU

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
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GRENADA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
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Imperial Service Medal

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Enterprise allowance scheme

The trials of getting cash for a small business
By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent
Pete Edwards and Carol Sharpe, a pair of recently flogged business executives from Liverpool, believe they have something to teach people who think they can escape unemployment by setting up their own business with government help.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Army major may face ANC charges

Johannesburg (Reuter) - South African police yesterday confirmed that they were holding a white army officer, and local press reports said he was likely to face charges of spying for the banned African National Congress (ANC).

A crop of gold

Warsaw (Reuter) - Gardeners in Leszno, western Poland, could have a fortune buried under their allotments, according to the PAP news agency.

Church car check

Jerusalem - The cars of senior Christian churchmen are to be searched at the Allenby Bridge between Jordan and Jerusalem (Ian Murray writes).

Budapest reshuffle

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungary has appointed a new finance minister and planning chief to oversee the shake-up in its banking and planning system.

Bail refused

Bangkok - Thirty-three men, most of them Army NCOs and junior officers on trial for attempting to overthrow the Thai Government last year, were denied bail again yesterday (Neil Kelly writes).

Left for the dogs

Athens - Greek police have launched an intensive search for the driver of a car who, after running over a pregnant woman, instead of driving her to a hospital, abandoned her in a deserted plot along the national highway (Mario Mediano writes).

Punjab strike bites

Delhi - Telephone wires running alongside railway lines were cut in several areas of Punjab yesterday, the second day of a ban (closure of shops and businesses and traffic stoppages) called by the All India Sikh Students Federation (Kuldip Nayyar writes).



Victoria Justiniani, centre, spokeswoman for the underground women's group Makibaka, which accuses President Aquino of the Philippines of breaking election promises, leads guerrillas in a protest session during a press conference at a rebel stronghold in Quizon province, south-east of Manila.

Jungle rail link opens in Gabon

Franceville, Gabon, (AFP) - The French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, whose country is at present in the grip of a national rail strike, visited the West African state of Gabon yesterday to open a multi-billion-pound railway cut through the tropical jungle.

Kaunda and Mugabe in surprise meeting Frontline sacrifices expected as decision on sanctions looms

From Jan Raath, Harare The meeting followed a full gathering of all six leaders of the frontline states, which also include Angola, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Botswana, on December 21. No communiqué was issued after the meeting, which was disrupted by President Kaunda's departure after he was told of the death of one of his sons.

Commerce alarmed at curbs reality

From Our Correspondent, Harare The self-imposed deadline for the southern African frontline states to set up their first trade barriers against South Africa expires tonight.

Counting the cost of child murders

From Michael Binoy Washington

A record number of 41 children were shot dead and 317 were wounded this year in Detroit. America's "murder capital" is trying to grapple with an "epidemic" of killing which is claiming more and more children as its victims.

Police statistics show that with a murder rate double that of New York, Detroit suffered a sharp rise in child killings in the last year, when 29 people under 16 were killed and 237 wounded by gunfire.

The rate far surpasses any other US city. Houston is nearest with 26 children killed this year, including six child abuse cases, followed by Chicago with 15.

But what worries the authorities particularly is the racial imbalance in the shootings: in Detroit, where blacks comprise between 65 and 70 per cent of the population, all but one of the 41 victims were black.

The random nature of the killings has horrified the city. According to the Detroit Free Press, which is leading a campaign against child shootings, 33 of the youngsters were shot directly and a further eight were caught in crossfire or were suicides.

Of the 33, six were shot by people playing with guns, five in suspected drug houses, five by bullets intended for others, four in grudge or revenge fights, two girls were killed by boyfriends, two killed in robbery attempts and two at parties.

Murder is already the most likely cause of death of American blacks aged between 18 and 24. Two graphic cases this year illustrate how increasingly innocent children, either outstanding pupils or those who have otherwise kept out of trouble, are being killed.

Melody Rucker, aged 16, was killed on August 16 by teenage gunmen spraying a crowd with guns at a back-to-school party in someone's home. Hit by 100 shotgun pellets, she died two hours later.

She had been among the top in her class and was considered a "role model" pupil.

Two 17-year-olds were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. A third boy was convicted of second-degree murder.

Jeffrey Hinton, aged 11, was walking home with a friend on September 30 when he was confronted by two youths who told him to "check in" (hand over) his \$200 purple shirt. As he raised his arms, he was shot in the abdomen, and died in hospital two hours later.

Police estimate that there are about 1,500,000 guns in Detroit for a population of 1,250,000 people. The city council has just passed a law which will come into effect next month imposing mandatory prison sentences of between 30 and 90 days for anyone found carrying unlicensed firearms.

Many law-abiding people who have been buying guns to protect themselves against the ever-rising homicide rate say they will be defenceless if the law is enforced.



Strike unchecked by pay concession

From Diana Geddes Paris

The French rail strike continued unabated yesterday despite the Government's agreement to suspend the new merit-based salary scales, and the opening of negotiations on working conditions between the unions, management and Government representatives.

As on the previous day, only 30 to 40 per cent of normal train services were operating. The Paris suburbs were particularly badly hit, with only one in eight trains running on some lines.

Paris commuters suffered further inconvenience from a strike by public transport workers in the capital. However, the disruption was not as bad as feared.

The management claimed that 87 per cent of Metro trains and 72 per cent of buses were running normally yesterday.

Three-thousand special coaches and several extra internal air flights have been laid on throughout the country. But not even the extra coaches have been able to cope with all the increased passenger traffic over the busy holiday period.



Stopped in their tracks: passengers on the express from Paris to Basle had to leave the train in the snow 10 miles from Belfort station, after striking railway workers blocked the line.

Tokyo puts off decision on defence

From David Watts Tokyo

After the historic decision by Japan to breach its customary ceiling on defence spending, the country's National Defence Council was yesterday unable to agree on a new spending guideline.

A decision has now been postponed until late January, before the Diet reconvenes.

The council was seeking consensus on the wording of a new guideline, but failed to reach agreement after the opposition denounced the decision to breach the limit - 1 per cent of GNP.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, said: "The question of whether to abide by the 1 per cent of GNP ceiling or to attain the defence outline has been a major question that we have been facing and we gave priority to the task of attaining our defence goals. I don't see any grounds for charges that we are headed towards militarism."

The new defence budget, which the Government says is essential if Japan is to achieve its planned defence build-up plan, puts Tokyo comfortably in the top half of the world's biggest defence spenders.

Order to release 'jazzmen'

Vienna (Reuter) - A Prague court yesterday ordered the release of two members of the Czechoslovak Jazz Section and told the prosecutor to review charges against group members, their lawyer said.

But the prosecutor appealed against the court's decision to release Vlastimil Dvra and Jozef Sklanik, and they will remain in detention until a higher court hears the appeal, their lawyer, Mr Josef Fraz, said by telephone from Prague.

Seven members of the Jazz Section leadership were detained last September and charged with illegal commercial activities and issuing publications for profit since 1985, a crime under Czechoslovak law.

The Jazz Section, which has a membership of 7,000, has acted as an unofficial forum for these opposed policies.

Mr Prusa said the court ordered the release of Mr Dvra and Mr Sklanik at a closed hearing to review the indictment against the group, a move which usually means the presiding judge considers there is lack of evidence or there are legal flaws in the indictment.

At the weekend, the court ordered the release of two more of the detainees, Milos Dvra and Jozef Sklanik.

Director ready to return to Moscow

By Mary Dejevsky

The Soviet theatre director, Yuri Lyubimov, who has lived in the West since being stripped of his Soviet citizenship three years ago, is prepared to return to his homeland. This was disclosed last week after it was learned that he had been approached about returning to his old job as director of the avant-garde Taganka theatre in Moscow.

Interviewed by Yuri Goligorsky of the BBC Russian Service, Lyubimov said from Washington that contractual obligations would keep him in the West for the next few months, but thereafter he would be prepared to return and take up where he left off.

In between rehearsals for his production of Crime and Punishment in Washington, Lyubimov said he attached no conditions to his return, although he hoped his production of his controversial play about the late Soviet ballad singer, Vladimir Vysotsky, would be finally staged for the 50th anniversary of the singer's birth on January 25.

It was this play, banned only after its final dress rehearsal, that brought Lyubimov into direct conflict with the Soviet authorities and precipitated his exile. Once in the West, he gave an outspoken interview to The Times, which is believed to have angered Moscow to the point where it deprived him of his citizenship.

Lyubimov noted that Mr Pyotr Demichov, the former Minister of Culture, and Mr



Lyubimov: still hoping to stage controversial play

Mikhail Zimyanin, the Central Committee Secretary whom he described as his personal enemy, were still active in the Soviet leadership. But he said enormous changes were in train in Soviet life and he trusted Mr Gorbachov to ensure his safety.

Mr Goligorsky also spoke by telephone to an actress at the Taganka theatre, who spoke excitedly of the prospect of Lyubimov's return. She said 99 per cent of the actors at the theatre petitioned Mr Gorbachov to restore Lyubimov's citizenship and allow him to return to his old job.

On December 22 Lyubimov was telephoned in Washington by a leading actress at the Taganka who asked him directly about the possibility of his return. He was advised to contact the Soviet embassy in Washington with a view to replying for his citizenship. This he has now done.

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Pretoria arrests township reporter

Damascus summit

Gemayel and Assad seek a new political solution

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

After a year of strained and sometimes non-existent relations, President Gemayel of Lebanon and President Assad of Syria are expected to meet in the new year for a summit conference in Damascus...

Mr Berri's call for a truce, four people are reported to have been killed and a further 24 wounded. Mr Berri's men, of course, are fighting Syria's war in west Beirut...

meets next week, since Damascus wants to see a new political initiative under way in Lebanon before the Islamic summit meeting begins in Kuwait on January 26...

Pretoria arrests township reporter

From George Brock, Johannesburg

The South African authorities intensified their attack on journalists this week by detaining a journalist working for a respected financial newspaper.

Mr Siphso Ngcobo, aged 32, was arrested at his desk in the newsroom of Business Day, a relatively restrained daily paper serving the business community.

By way of reply the newspaper laid aside its sober style in a bitter front-page leading article which described Section 29 of the Internal Security Act (under which Mr Ngcobo is held) as "fascist".

It went on to say that Mr Ngcobo's reporting on life in the black townships "done sometimes at the risk of his own life" has given Business Day readers a unique and illuminating view of township affairs.

The editorial ended with a passionate call for all democratic South Africans to unite to end the long dark night of Nationalist (Party) misrule.

Mr Ngcobo had worked for the now-defunct Rand Daily Mail before joining Business Day last year. He had specialised in the reporting of life and politics in the black townships...

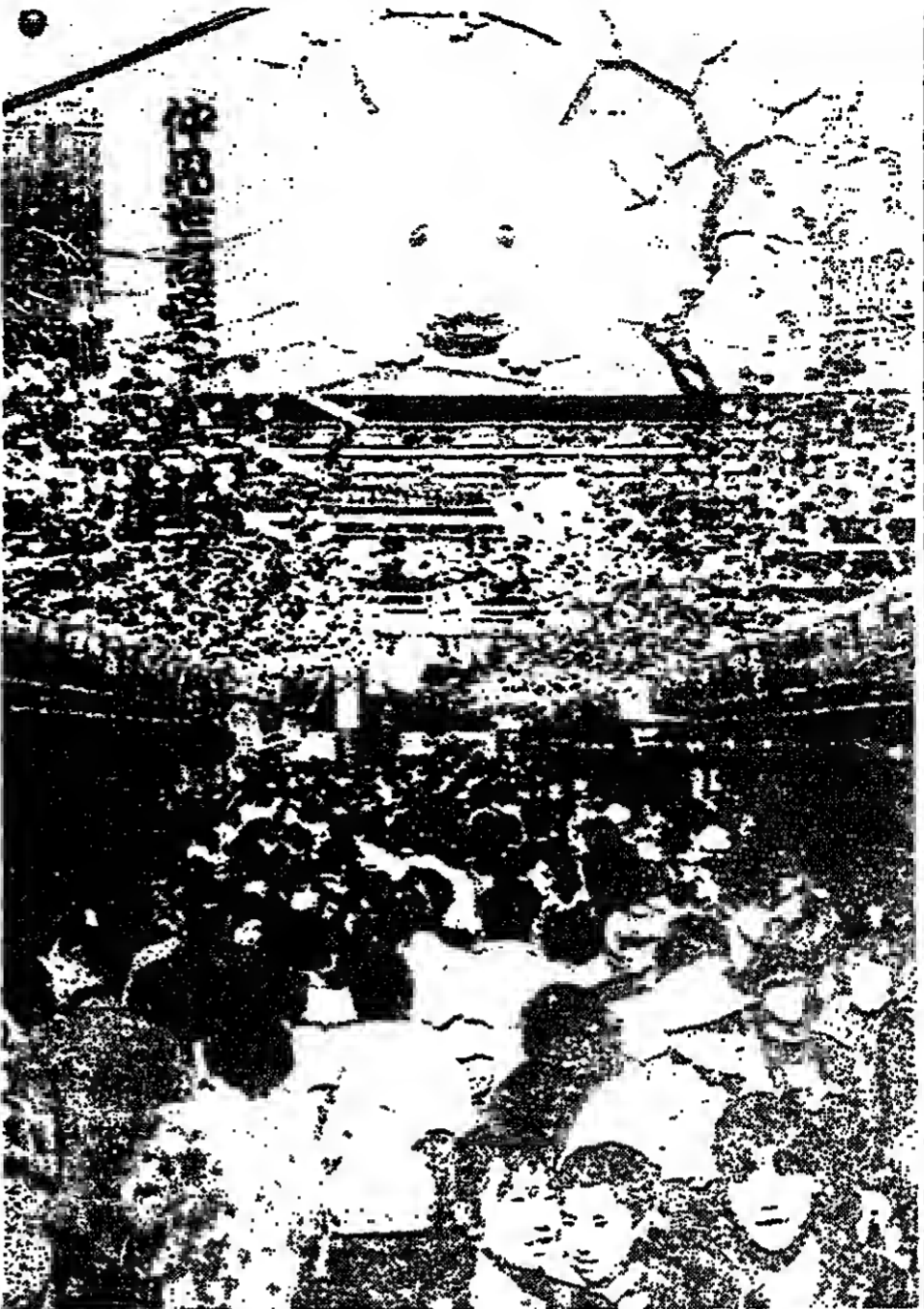
'Reform enthusiasm' in Peking

Inquiry chief treads softly as student protests continue

Peking (Reuters) - The head of a task force inquiring into China's wave of student protests said yesterday that most demonstrators were patriotically showing their enthusiasm for reform and none had broken the law.

mit mistakes. Who we were young, we did more or less similar things at times. This is our basic approach. At least seven people, none of them students, are reported to have been held during the protests.

repeating the theme that instability would threaten the unprecedented prosperity of the past seven years now after years of hardship and struggle. It is illegal in China to challenge the leadership of the Communist Party and the supremacy of socialism.



Not the Easter Bunny arrived early, but a reminder in Tokyo that, in that part of the Pacific region, 1987 is the Year of the Rabbit. The wooden decoration has been erected near the Sensoji Temple where worshippers will pray for good fortune at midnight tonight.

Fish puts Iceland at the top

By Tony Samstag, Nordic Correspondent

Iceland is expected to show the highest growth rate in the Western world for the past year as a result of record fish catches and high prices reflecting the new world-wide concern with a healthier diet.

Kenya's new confidence Dissent no brake on boom times

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

A 12-month economic boom, brought about by low world oil prices, high coffee prices and a record number of tourists, has given Kenya new confidence despite rumours of political dissent.

Good rains throughout 1986 produced bumper food crops, enabling Kenya to export surplus food. Only two years earlier severe drought made it necessary for Kenya to import food.

West German election winner will be urged to allow women to join up

From John England, Bonn

Whichever government is in power in West Germany after the federal election next month, it will have to deal with a relatively new but rapidly growing demand from women for the right to wear military uniforms.

The idea of women in uniform has been circulating around the Defence Ministry for several years in the face of a threatened shortage of servicemen in the 1990s because of the country's low birth rate.

For many years after the Second World War, Bonn was against women joining the services because it recalled the fate of many of Hitler's 470,500 women auxiliaries who fell into Soviet hands in 1945.



Chancellor Kohl: Unlikely to oppose women in uniform

There has been no women's unit in the West German Bundeswehr (armed forces) since it was formed in 1955. Indeed, the West German Basic Law of 1949 rules that women "may on no account render service involving the use of arms".

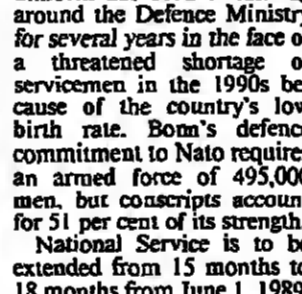
The only West German women in uniform are 140 medical service officers, who were allowed into the armed forces only 10 years ago.

Frau Regina Senft, the leader of the Women To The Forces group, has warned the Government that if it does not immediately clear the way for women to join the colours, her group will take it to the Constitutional Court.

It is a basic question of equal rights for women, which is also guaranteed by the constitution," she said.

Where neighbourliness is a diplomatic convenience

Britain and Guatemala this week announced the restoration of full diplomatic links after a break of 23 years, but agreed to differ over Belize.



It encapsulated perfectly the sly diplomatic manoeuvre being danced by the two Central American nations emerging into democratic adulthood, one from behind the skirts of dictatorship, the other from behind the skirts of colonialism.

Manabique. And therein lies its significance. For Belize, the size of Wales, but with the population only of Swansea, is Britain's other Falklands. Guatemala has, since the 1930s, claimed the country - formerly British Honduras - as its own.

Once, under a Labour Government, and once more in that crucial year of 1982, the Foreign Office has been caught in the act of giving all the signals which traditionally precede an attempt to off-load an embarrassing problem.

The second occasion came shortly after the country had gained independence. Not very helpfully, Britain made clear to this tiny new nation that it could not go on relying on the presence of some 2,000 British troops to keep out the Guatemalans, and that a deal had to be done.

Fortunately, the military dictatorship in Guatemala did not grasp the significance of the move - as did the Argentinians further south - a coded message and pomfrits across the disputed border.

In the past two years, however, relations between Belize and Guatemala have significantly improved, to the extent that the border dispute is now within sight of settlement.

After years of dictatorship, Guatemala has begun to emerge as a fledgling democracy under the cautious guidance of President Cerezo, who came to office pledged to find a solution to the problem.

It is now up to the Guatemalans to suggest a new set of proposals for fresh talks in the new year. This time there is real hope. The Belizean Prime Minister, Mr Manuel Esquivel, told me: "I very much hope we can settle the matter in the next year. We recognize that President Cerezo has to be able to go back to his people and point to some benefit they will get from dropping their claim."

Exactly the nature of that benefit is likely to be is not yet clear. But it seems certain that Hunting Cay will come into it.

Belize can offer the Guatemalans economic and social co-operation. It can help it to pipeline and port facilities on the Caribbean. It has easier access to the remote Peten

The question now being asked is: What if Guatemala's rights and privileges were extended in this area? What if some form of joint usage, just short of a total transfer of sovereignty, could be found for the Sapidillas? More by luck than judgement, the Foreign Office may thus find itself sitting in on a settlement of a dispute being worked out to the satisfaction of both principal parties.

Perhaps also more by luck than judgement, the Foreign Office finds itself with Mr Crosby in Belize. This genial pro-Belize as Sir Rex Hunt was pro-Falklands.

These and many other genuine benefits can and will be shown. But they are the icing. The cake is territory: and that Belize cannot give - at least not on the face of it.

It is out of the question for Belize to give away mainland territory to give away mainland territory. But territorial waters and the Sapidilla Cays are a different matter, and that is where the crux of the solution is likely to lie.

Belize has never imposed the common 12-mile limit, because to do so would virtually cut Guatemala off from the Caribbean.

Guatemala, citizens of country have been for years in the habit of coy Hunting Cay for holiday weekends. Apart from one unit of sovereignty, could be found for the Sapidillas? More by luck than judgement, the Foreign Office may thus find itself sitting in on a settlement of a dispute being worked out to the satisfaction of both principal parties.

Tomorrow: Britain's response

Vietnam accused of Laos killings

Bangkok - Vietnamese troops in Laos killed 43 hill-tribe people trying to flee across the Mekong River into Thailand last Friday and Saturday, according to Thai officials in Nongkhai Province, who said survivors told them that women and children were among the dead (Neil Kelly writes).

About 19 of the Meo hill-tribe people managed to reach safety using life-jackets given to them earlier by Lao soldiers. Fourteen others were captured by the Vietnamese who, Thai officials said, had kept up a barrage of gunfire against the escaping people for several hours.

287 Poles jump ship

Lubeck (Reuters) - Border police and officials in this West German city said 287 Polish tourists stayed behind when three Polish liners left the Baltic port of Lubeck-Travemunde after a Christmas visit.

Federal border police said the vessels, Lancut, Pomerania and Wilanow, carrying a total of 623 passengers, arrived in the port between December 23 and December 26.

Train crash

Warsaw (Reuters) - Four people were killed and 16 were injured when a train collided with a bus at a level-crossing in Suwalki during a snowstorm in north-east Poland, the PAP news agency said.

Afghan toll

Islamabad (AP) - The death toll in an aerial bombing of civilians in the south-eastern Afghanistan city of Kandahar on December 8 has risen to 450, Western diplomats said.

Cut off

Noumea (Reuters) - The French Pacific island of Futuna, battered by Cyclone Raja last week, was still cut off from the outside world yesterday after attempts to fly in food and medical supplies failed.

Ecevit boost

Ankara (Reuters) - Nineteen defectors from Turkey's opposition Social Democrats have joined the Democratic Left Party of the former Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, after dissolving their own four-day old party, the Anatolian Agency said.

Smugglers fire

Zamboanga City (AP) - A woman was killed and seven other civilians were wounded as Philippine Navy patrol boats exchanged fire with suspected smugglers.

Fatal skid

Athens (Reuters) - Two Greek airmen were killed and 10 others seriously injured when an Air Force bus skidded off an icy road into a ravine, police said.

Reporters out

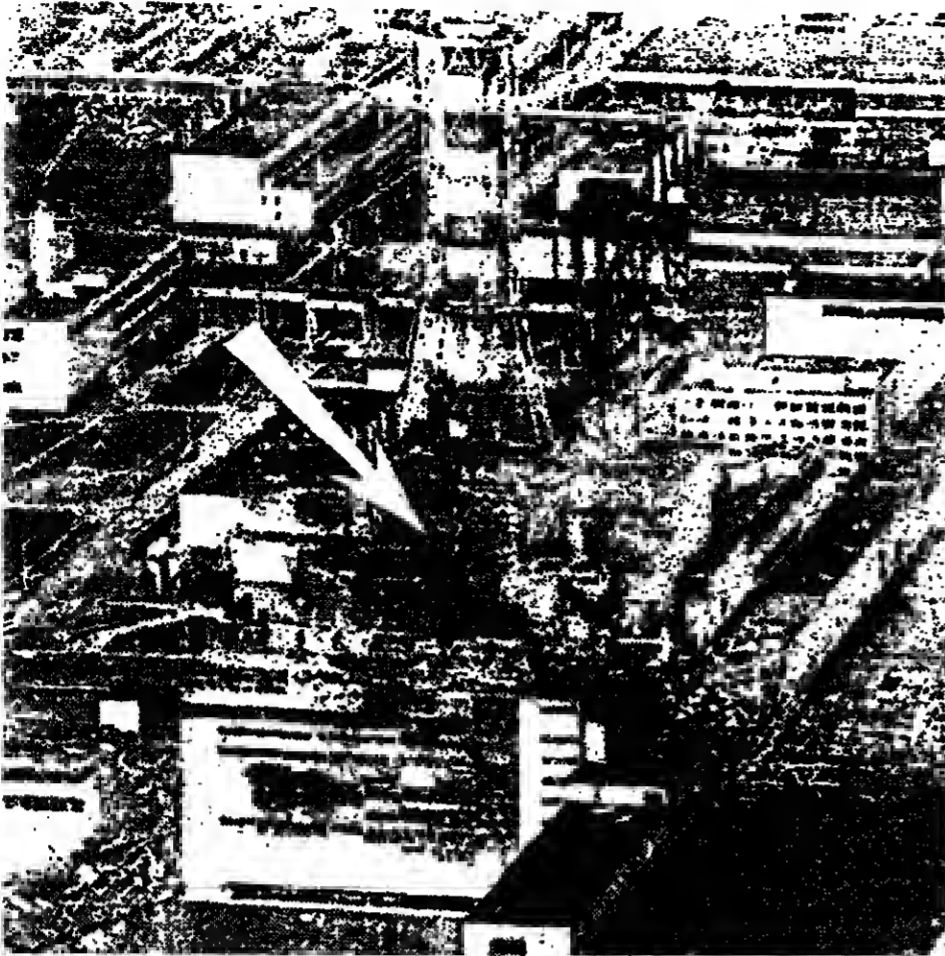
Paris (AFP) - Four journalists, working for Reuters, Agence France-Presse, Le Monde and Le Figaro, who had recently arrived in Chad to cover the fighting between Libyan and Chadian forces in the far north of the country, were expelled on Tuesday.

Tamils killed

Colombo (Reuters) - Five Tamil separatist guerrillas in a battle in northern Sri Lanka were killed in a battle in northern Sri Lanka, the Government said.

SPECTRUM

... disaster and royal delight



Nuclear blast and nuptial bliss: radiation spread from Russia (April 28) after Chernobyl reactor fire, while the world rejoiced (July 23) as Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson married

AUGUST



Business 6: Shares suffer record £4 billion one-day drop. 15: Rolls Royce wins £200 million contract to build engines for Boeing 747s. People 13: Prime Minister's personal popularity sinks to lowest level since last General Election. 22: John Stalker, suspended deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, reinstated. 28: Mrs Thatcher returns to refurbished Grand Hotel, Brighton, 22 months after the IRA bomb. 31: US journalist Nicholas Daniloff arrested by Russians for spying.

Weather 24: Despite popular impression, summer has been above average, say Met. Office. Crime 15: Jayna Scott sent to prison for seven years after found guilty of frenzied attack on her homosexual lover. 20: John Fleming, wanted for questioning in connection with Brink's Mat gold robbery, held by US emigration after being deported from Costa Rica. Abroad 4: Commonwealth summit on South Africa ends in failure with Britain isolated. British Army dismisses 111 Gurkhas after a brawl in which two senior officers were injured.

25: Volcanic gas from Lake Nyos in Cameroon kills 1,500, affects another 20,000 and devastates lakeside population. 27: 21 die and 98 injured in feared rent eviction clashes with police in South Africa. 28: East German family make dramatic escape to West by driving lorry through Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin Wall. At home 28: Government agrees to build another lane at cost of £20 million on busiest section of overcrowded M25. 27: 18 American F-11 aircraft fly into Wiltshire as US defence department denies any connection with Libya.

Media 1: Police inquiry into attack on TNT newspaper distribution centre by 200-strong mob who burnt copies of The Times and the Sun. 22: £7 million campaign launched to increase illegal circulation of Today as Lonrho assumes control. Sport 3: Wimbledon turf is invaded by the packed giants of American football, the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys. 20: Bobby Robson to continue as England's manager until after World Cup in 1990. 21: In Third Test against New Zealand, Ian Botham takes three wickets to set world record of 357 wickets in Test matches. Medicine 6: Dr William Schroeder, who lived record 820 days with mechanical heart, dies in US hospital. 7: President Reagan and White House staff submit to drug tests as part of the administration's war on drugs. Science 19: Sellafield nuclear reprocessing complex shut after radioactivity is found to be above government safety limits.

Royals 6: Princess Anne has her first racing victory at Redcar. 7: Prince and Princess of Wales and children arrive in Majorca for a non-package holiday as guests of King and Queen of Spain. Anniversaries 13: Armed East German border guards and angry West Berliners cheer across the Berlin Wall, 25 years after the city was split by barbed wire. 18: Reykjavik, capital of Iceland, celebrates its bicentenary.

September Observing Robert Fuzio

Business 3: Bedford trucks announce cut back in production with 1,450 jobs loss. 11: Wall Street share prices tumble in sharpest fall since 1929 Great Crash. London prices crash in sympathy. 24: TSB share offer ends. 28: Three senior Austin Rover executives including chairman Harold Musgrove leave Rover Group. Company loses £200 million in first six months of 1986. People 4: Archbishop of Canterbury visits Crossroads squatter camp with newly enthroned Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu. 24: Mrs Edwina Currie, junior Health Minister, heavily criticized for telling people of Newcastle that their ill health was linked to poor diet, smoking and alcohol. Crime 9: British football supporters linked to Heysel stadium disaster, Belgium, formally accused of manslaughter at London court. 11: Strong police operation in Bristol St Paul's area against drug dealing and violent crime erupts into riots with 75 arrests. 25: Sheriff solicitor Ian Wood wanted in connection with murder of his pregnant mistress and her young daughter climbs 200 feet up an Amiens cathedral tower. Abroad 5: American airliner seized by five gunmen in Karachi who kill 18 of the 400 passengers as plane is stormed by Pakistani commandos. In Istanbul, 21 worshippers are killed in their synagogue; one woman dies and 18 injured in Paris bomb attack. 7: Soviet Union says journalist Nicholas Daniloff is to be charged with spying. 16: 177 gold miners killed in fire more than one mile underground at Kinross mine, Transvaal. 18: French military attaché in Beirut is shot and killed outside French Embassy in east Beirut. 22: Release of Nicholas Daniloff and two prominent dissident Jews after superpower crisis and expulsion from New York of American accused spy Gennady Zakharov. Superpower leaders announce surprise summit in Iceland. At home 4: At TUC congress Neil Kinnock is told unions will fight relentlessly his policy of winding down nuclear power industry. 28: Thatcher opens Japanese car factory plant in Washington, County Durham. Labour Party publishes plan to take British Telecom and other privatized industries into "social ownership". 19: Two passenger trains crash head on in Staffordshire, one dies, many injured. 23: Heathrow swamped by immigrants before British introduction of visas for passengers from Nigeria, Ghana, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. 28: Defiant Liberal leader David Steel vows to keep nuclear deterrent. 28: At Labour Party conference Neil Kinnock pledges to reject US nuclear cover and to close down their bases in Britain but defeats Arthur Scargill's attempt to commit phasing out of nuclear energy within five years. Sport 14: Australian Greg Norman wins European Open Golf Championship at Sunningdale and Aston Villa manager Graham Turner is dismissed. 23: Cabinet anger over Football League's expulsion of Luton Town from Littlewoods Cup for refusing to allow Cardiff City supporters into their ground in a fight against hooliganism. 27: Lloyd Honeyghan of Bermondsey becomes world welterweight boxing champion. Medicine 5: Survey reveals British senior executives work stressful 53 hours a week and a quarter are too tired to make love after a working day. 22: Ten-week-old Jam Paterson becomes world's youngest heart and lung transplant patient after London hospital operation, but later dies. Royals 12: First public engagement together as Duke and Duchess of York as couple visit a County Durham school for disturbed children. 17: Princess of Wales brings back Fifties nostalgia as she sports swept back "D.A." hair style.

OCTOBER



Business 27: The City's Big Bang turns into a shambles as computer fails. People 1: PC Phillo Olds, shot and paralyzed while tackling two gunmen, is found dead. 19: President Machel of Mozambique and other government members killed when their aircraft crashes on South African borders. 28: Jeffrey Archer resigns as deputy chairman of Conservative Party after allegations in a Sunday newspaper. Crime 24: Nezar Hindawi, who tried to use his pregnant girlfriend as a human bomb, sentenced to 45 years. Britain breaks off diplomatic links with Syria. 28: Jeremy Bentham handed five life sentences for murder of his family at their Essex farmhouse. Abroad 10: Earthquakes shake El Salvador. Death toll eventually reaches 890 and 10,000 injured. 11: President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev fail to agree arms control after two-day summit in Iceland. Followed by retaliatory expulsion of diplomats. At home 1: Labour Party to phase out nuclear power in decades rather than months.

14: 98 die and 310 injured in wake of ethnic violence in recent history of Karachi. 19: Soviet Union announces end to the internal exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov. At home 7: Left-wing Brent council drops proceedings against Miss McGoldrick. 11: Sellafield nuclear plant threatened with closure unless modifications are made. 29: Conservatives leap to 8.5 per cent lead over Labour in Gallup survey. Sport 14: America fails to reach America's Cup final for first time in 135 years after being beaten by New Zealand. 15: Nigel Short, Britain's top ranked chess grandmaster, champions Soviet World champion, Gary Kasparov. 18: Former champion jockey Lester Piggott accused of making a false tax statement. 27: England retain Ashes after innings and 14-run victory. Medicine 18: Miner's wife Davina Thompson (35) given new heart, lungs and liver in seven-hour transplant. Arts 1: Sunlit street scene by Monet becomes most expensive modern painting sold at auction at £7.7 million. Compiled by Suzanne Greaves

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1143

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Clothes closet (8), 2. Purifier (4), 9. Purifier (7), 10. Short-sighted person (5), 11. Light racing boat (5), 12. House beetle (5), 13. Bundled (5), 15. Put off (5), 16. Get to (5), 18. Monk's community (5), 20. Greek underworld god (5), 21. Instill (7), 23. Story (4), 24. Ceremonial garment (8), 6. Middy (4), 7. Cricket team (16), 8. Unimportant people (5,3), 11. 18th century furniture maker (8), 14. Watercourses system (8), 15. Tyrant (9), 17. Large wasp (6), 19. Two-man combat (4), 22. Obstain (3).

Famous figures who died

A grid of 24 small portraits of famous figures who died in 1986, each with a name underneath. Names include: Tommy Farr, Dr Hugh Jolly, Henry Moore, Dame Anna Neagle, Christopher Isherwood, Duchess of Windsor, Bill Edrich, Osbert Lancaster, Cary Grant, John Braintree, Mrs Dora Russell, Jim Laker, Otto Preussinger, Lord Shawell, Alan Gemmell, Lord Boothby.

Fortnum & Mason advertisement featuring a sphinx illustration and text: 'THE RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX - Where can one find such quality and service - at prices yet undreamed by mortal man? The answer is - ONLY at FORTNUM & MASON'S REDUCTION PERIOD 2nd to 17th January (Closed New Year's Day)'. Includes contact information for Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly London W1A 1ER, Telephone 01-754 8040.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 31 1790

There was little to quicken the pulse on this last day of the year - no backward glance at the previous 12 months or forecast for the coming year...

WINDSOR

DECEMBER 29

The King's hunt on Tuesday last afforded ample amusement for the lovers of the chase. A stag was turned out at Two Mile Brook near Salisbury...

STORM IN THE NORTH

The floods and the melting of the late snow in this quarter have been so rapid, that with a succession of heavy rains, a greater swell of the waters has been occasioned...

NORTH WALES

It (the storm) has quite unroofed the house of a Gentleman, known the bell which stood in his coach-house near 200 yards from its place...

Bang to rights

From the Editor of Current Archaeology Sir, Before 1886 faded into oblivion is there still time to raise our glasses for a rather important anniversary?

Ways to arrest fleet decline

From the President of the General Council of British Shipping Sir, Public opinion is becoming increasingly aware of the danger to the country's strategic interests...

An example may help to point to the decisive role Government can play, or refuse, in encouraging investment in ships by British companies.

However, capital costs amount to 60 per cent of non-voyage costs of operating a new short sea vessel...

In recent years our short sea fleet has reduced sharply in size and increased in age whereas that of, say, our German competitors has not.

In significant areas of the international shipping industry the size and health of national fleets is at least as much a matter for national governments as it is for owners and seafarers.

Heveningham fears

From Mr R. D. Bloomfield Sir, A significant fact omitted from your report of December 16 is that when the Vaneck family trustees put Heveningham on the market in 1970...

This great architectural masterpiece was, to quote the official guidebook of the time, "purchased for the nation by the Government".

Clearly the proper course for the department to take now is to repel its former philistinism and once more acquire Heveningham for the nation.

History and hope

From Mr Toby Horton Sir, For Peter Ackroyd to have reviewed (December 18) the new folio edition of Macaulay's History was a positive step.

The contrast is all too clear between Macaulay's optimism and Marx's pessimism, his generosity and Marx's poverty of spirit...

The revival of interest in Macaulay is a sign of hope. When his spirit comes to imbue our schools as thoroughly as does Marx's now, then it can safely be said that all will be well once more with our country.

Counting the pence

From Mrs Margaret Walley Sir, It may reassure your readers to know that, on the night of December 22, at the time the news of the income tax problem of Lester Piggott was broadcast to the nation, my flagging energies were engaged in explaining to HM Inspector of Taxes, Cardiff, why my 99-year-old aunt's two half-yearly 43p interest payments on her unseizable 3/4 per cent British Transport stock had not been included in her income-tax returns.

Undue delays in planning process

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute Sir, The article "A master plan for planning" by Geoffrey Rippon (December 22) deserves support for most of its proposals.

My institute would support all but three of Mr Rippon's proposals. I do not accept there is a wide consensus to end all statutory development plans, indeed, my evidence is to the contrary.

The proposal that permission should be deemed to be granted if any applicant has not heard anything within 42 days from the local planning authority may appear superficially attractive, but it is likely to result in more refusals being issued towards the end of the 42-day period.

Thirdly, the planning tribunal suggestion to replace the inspectorate could lead to delays in the appeal system and bring greater uncertainties.

From Mr Sean O'Grady Sir, Geoffrey Rippon states that there is a wide consensus to end all statutory plans. Yet the present Secretary of State for the Environment has just issued a consultation paper, "The Future of Development Plans".

Craft fellowship

From Mr Philip Venning Sir, It is indeed true that craftsmen with the traditional skills used in historic buildings projects are not a dying breed ("Horizons", December 8).

All the difference

From Mrs Mary Munro-Hill Sir, What a dangerous statement Philip Howard makes in his recent article (December 17) "Pre-positions".

CAP breakthrough

From Mr C. M. Coffin Sir, In your leader today (December 18) you expressed relief at the breakthrough in the EEC agricultural policy. I share your views, but with some reservations.

Music on trains

From Mr T. P. Hudson Sir, I hope that no one at British Rail will take up seriously Carol Illingworth's suggestion (December 18) of performing musicians on trains.

A recent 4 1/2-hour journey from Córdoba to Madrid on Spain's crack train, the Talgo, was spoiled for me by orchestral music, quite loud and relentlessly jaunty, which was piped through to all carriages - and obviously meant to be an added "luxury".

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May British trains long keep the relative quietness they have for the benefit of those who want to read, to sleep - or even to compose letters to The Times.

From the Director of the British Road Federation Sir, Geoffrey Rippon's proposals for improving our planning system make admirable reading.

Widespread concern about the length of a number of major public inquiries highlights the tendency for these local inquiries to become a forum for debating, or even formulating, national policy.

The recent Government response to the House of Commons environment select committee report on planning was that there may well be a case in which a major public inquiry is a perfectly reasonable instrument for inquiry into the policy background as well as the suitability of the particular site or sites.

as far as is practical, the questioning of national policy determined elsewhere should not be allowed to impinge upon public inquiries.

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HAROLD MACMILLAN

Future generations are no more likely to think of Harold Macmillan as the Earl of Stockton than we think of Disraeli as the Earl of Beaconsfield. Their reputations outshine their titles.

That assessment was gravely false. Macmillan quickly showed himself to excel in the art of communication. Above all, he was the first Prime Minister to master television as a means of communicating with the masses.

What is more, in the very different social climate of that time when class demarcations were still strongly discernible, the mass of the people were by no means disposed to spurn Macmillan for his patrician style, or for being unlike themselves.

Rebuilding national and party confidence, he led his party to a third successive victory in 1959, and presided over a period of rising prosperity for all classes.

Thatcher's supporters (though not Mrs Thatcher herself) have blamed Macmillan personally for the inflation which followed his neo-Keynesian policies.

Neither view makes the practical concession that things have changed. Macmillan seemed not to understand the difference between the miners' situation in the twenties and their union's attitude at the outset of the eighties.

Macmillan was Prime Minister at a time when the smallest upward movement in the unemployment figures caused political consternation.

Through there was much of the histrionic in his nature, there is no doubt that his distress at the hardship of that period was deeply felt and coloured his approach as Prime Minister.

solidly in the tradition of Disraeli who (as an 1883 leading article in The Times put it) "in the inarticulate mass of the English populace, discerned the Conservative working man as the sculptor perceives the angel imprisoned in a block of marble."

As a politician who wanted above all to improve the condition of the people, Macmillan was the right man to lead the Tories mass post-war house-building programme.

Firm for the Atlantic alliance, he was also a path-finder for British entry into the European Community, conditioning his party and the public gradually to accept what his successor, Mr Edward Heath, finally achieved.

The end of his Prime Ministership was bedevilled by political difficulties, and his retirement years by contention over the part he had played in the forced repatriation of the Cossacks to Russia when he was Head of the Allied Commission in Italy.

TIME, PARLIAMENT, PLEASE

Licensing hours were first restricted during the First World War to deter industrial workers from spending time and money in the pubs - and thus to pave the way to victory.

But change must come, and there is a growing recognition that this is so. The issue now is not so much whether as when - and on how grand a scale.

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JAPAN REARMS SLIGHTLY

Since the ratification of the Japanese-US Security Treaty in 1952, Japan has enjoyed the luxury of security at minimal cost. But it is a luxury that can no longer be reconciled with its new status as a major power with global economic and political interests.

It is now widely recognised that the US cannot be expected to shoulder indefinitely a disproportionate share of the cost of maintaining the security of the industrialised democracies.

The critics of this decision, both domestic and foreign, will denounce it as a dilution of Japan's Peace Constitution, and a dangerous precedent which could ultimately lead to the revival of "Japanese militarism."

One reason for Government caution is an official preference for a root-and-branch job, which would, among other things, simplify the procedure for granting licences.

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Sound politics this may be, and also pusillanimous. There are a number of good reasons why the present irrational system should be changed - tourism being only one of them.

right of state. But it retained the right of self-defence. Every Japanese political party, except the Japanese Communist Party, now acknowledges the legitimacy and constitutional-ity of the Self-Defence Forces (SDF).

Despite this acknowledgement, defence spending has been so low that the SDF has been left with obsolete equipment, insufficient levels of ammunition and an unconvincing capacity to defend Japan's air territory, space and sea lanes.

The Japanese people have therefore been confronted with the need to abandon their self-imposed limit on defence spending. It has proved a source of great psychological discomfort.

The Government has a responsibility to those who live near pubs as well as to those who drink in them. Public houses should not become public nuisances. So it is understandable that Ministers should be reluctant to support an open-all-hours regime.

In Scotland, however, not dissimilar legislation was introduced ten years ago. And last December the Chief Inspector of Constabulary disclosed that cases of public drunkenness there had fallen by 8.5 per cent in 1985 to reach their lowest level for 30 years.

For all that, any bill which seeks to change the habits of a lifetime is bound to be controversial. The main attraction of Mr Stewart's bill is that it is a working compromise which promises to lead the country forward at a broadly acceptable pace.

has also gone to considerable lengths to assuage the inevitable anxieties that increased Japanese defence spending has generated among Japan's regional neighbours.

Japan is now able to embark on the second year of a five year defence build-up which is widely acknowledged to be necessary and correct. At the end of the decade, Japan will be able to defend its own territory and air space from a small scale assault, and protect its sea lanes over a distance of 1,000 nautical miles.

The Japanese, however, still need time to become fully accustomed to their new defence responsibilities. Much of the progress of the past few years could be placed in jeopardy if the US, especially Congress, tries to exert pressure on Japan to accelerate increases in defence expenditure faster than the Japanese can realistically be expected to adjust to them.

COURT AND SOCIAL

OBITUARY

THE EARL OF STOCKTON

Intellectual statesman who achieved mastery in his day

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM December 30. The Queen was represented by the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) at the Funeral of Sir Gilbert Laithe...

Earl of Stockton

The private funeral service for the Earl of Stockton will be held at the church of St Giles, Horsted Keynes, West Sussex, at noon on Monday, January 5...

Forces' promotions

Royal Navy The provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections for promotion to date December 31, 1986 are confirmed.

General List Commander to Captain: M J Stott; B J Adams; J S Dyer; M D G. Collier; M D Adams; M J Stott; B J Adams...

General Duties Branch Wing Commander to Group Captain: R J. G. ...

Medical and Dental Branch Surgeon General to Surgeon General: M A. Macdonald; A R. Marsh...

Royal Marines Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel: M J. Evans; M W. Alderson; R. C. van der Horst...

The Army The Ministry of Defence announces the following Army promotions, all effective from June 30, 1986.

Colonel to Brigadier Colonel to Brigadier: H. Barker; W. B. Bates; A. H. Bower; D. A. Firth...

Royal Air Force The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF promotions, all effective from January 1, 1987.

Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, 57; Mr Clavin Bell, 52; Mr Michael Bonallack, 52; Mr George Christie, 52...

Dinner

Maccabees The engagement is announced between Vincent John, only son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Jerrard...

Appointment

Mr Nicholas Addison Phillips, QC, to be Auditor of the High Court in the Queen's Bench Division.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Anthony and Miss R.C. Tankard The engagement is announced between Roderick James, only son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Anthony...

Marriage

Mr A.M. Sharkey and Miss A.T. Gorst The marriage took place on Christmas Eve in Edinburgh, between Mr Andrew Sharkey and Miss Teresa Gorst.

The Earl of Stockton, PC, OM, who as Mr Harold Macmillan was Prime Minister from 1957 to 1963, died on December 29 at the age of 92. He was one of the outstanding political figures of his time...

From 1919 to 1920 he was ADC to the ninth Duke of Devonshire, then Governor-General of Canada. While in Ottawa, he became engaged to the Duke's third daughter, Lady Dorothy Cavendish...

He retired from the Army in 1920 and went into the family business. Three years later he began his political career. At the general election of 1923 he was the unsuccessful Conservative candidate for Stockton-on-Tees...

He was the first leader of the Conservative Party since Balfour who could properly be described as an intellectual, and he showed, during his years of power, a capacity for Balfourian deviousness which surpassed that of his rival and victim, R.A. Butler...

As a young MP he was regarded as unduly earnest and rather a bore. Yet he emerged from his proconsular reign in North Africa and Italy with a reputation for worldly wisdom and sophisticated wit that the passage of time served only to enhance.

During the brief Eden premiership he was in turn Foreign Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was well qualified for both posts, but in neither had time to achieve major results. In the Suez crisis his role was erratic...

As Prime Minister he was able to restore unity, morale and self-respect not only to his party, but to the country as well. After winning a decisive electoral victory in 1959 he quickened the pace of withdrawal from Empire...

In the early months of the war, he became increasingly disenchanted with what he considered to be his spineless conduct by the Chamberlain Government. When Russia invaded Finland he joined Leo Amery's committee...

At home there was far more merit in his conduct of affairs than it has recently been fashionable to admit, though he suffered at the time, and continued to suffer, from the remark almost invariably misquoted as 'you've never had it so good'.



The Earl of Stockton

with the economic consequences. It will, however, always seem very odd that, with his knowledge of the Americans, and of Eisenhower in particular, he failed to make a correct assessment of the American attitude when he visited the United States shortly before the Government's disastrous decisions were taken.

He played a leading part in handling the civil war that followed the liberation of Greece. He ordered British troops to 'neutralize' the Communist guerrillas, advocated the regency of Archbishop Damaskinos, and oversaw the peace conference at Varkiza.

Near the end of his time in Italy, after VE Day, he visited a British Corps HQ at Klagenfurt in South Austria, and evidently sanctioned the forced repatriation of several thousand Czechs who were not Soviet citizens...

He supported A. D. Lindsay, the Master of Balliol, against the official Conservative candidate, Quintin Hogg (now Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone), in the celebrated Oxford by-election of 1938.

In November 1945 he returned to Parliament at a by-election as MP for Bromley, the seat that he held for the rest of his time in the Commons. During the years of opposition, 1945-51, he was one of the major spokesmen for his Party, both in Parliament and in the country.

The Conservative Government that returned to office after the 1951 election was pledged to build 300,000 houses a year, and Macmillan was given the job of redeeming the pledge. He did so, thereby greatly adding to his popular standing.

He was promoted Minister of Defence in October 1954, but was one of a succession of men who held this post for too short a time to be able to achieve much. At this time the retirement of Churchill from the premiership seemed overdue...

the Central African Federation. He left in January 1960 for a tour of Africa that took him through Ghana, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Nyasaland and South Africa. On February 3 he addressed both Houses of the South African Parliament...

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Government puts more money into Aids treatment

By Jill Sherman
The Government is to allocate more money for the care and treatment of Aids victims, the numbers of which are doubling roughly every ten months.

Politicians honoured in new year's list

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knighthoods since she became prime minister.
The list contains 54 names who have received political honours, the large majority eminent figures in the Conservative Party organization across the country.

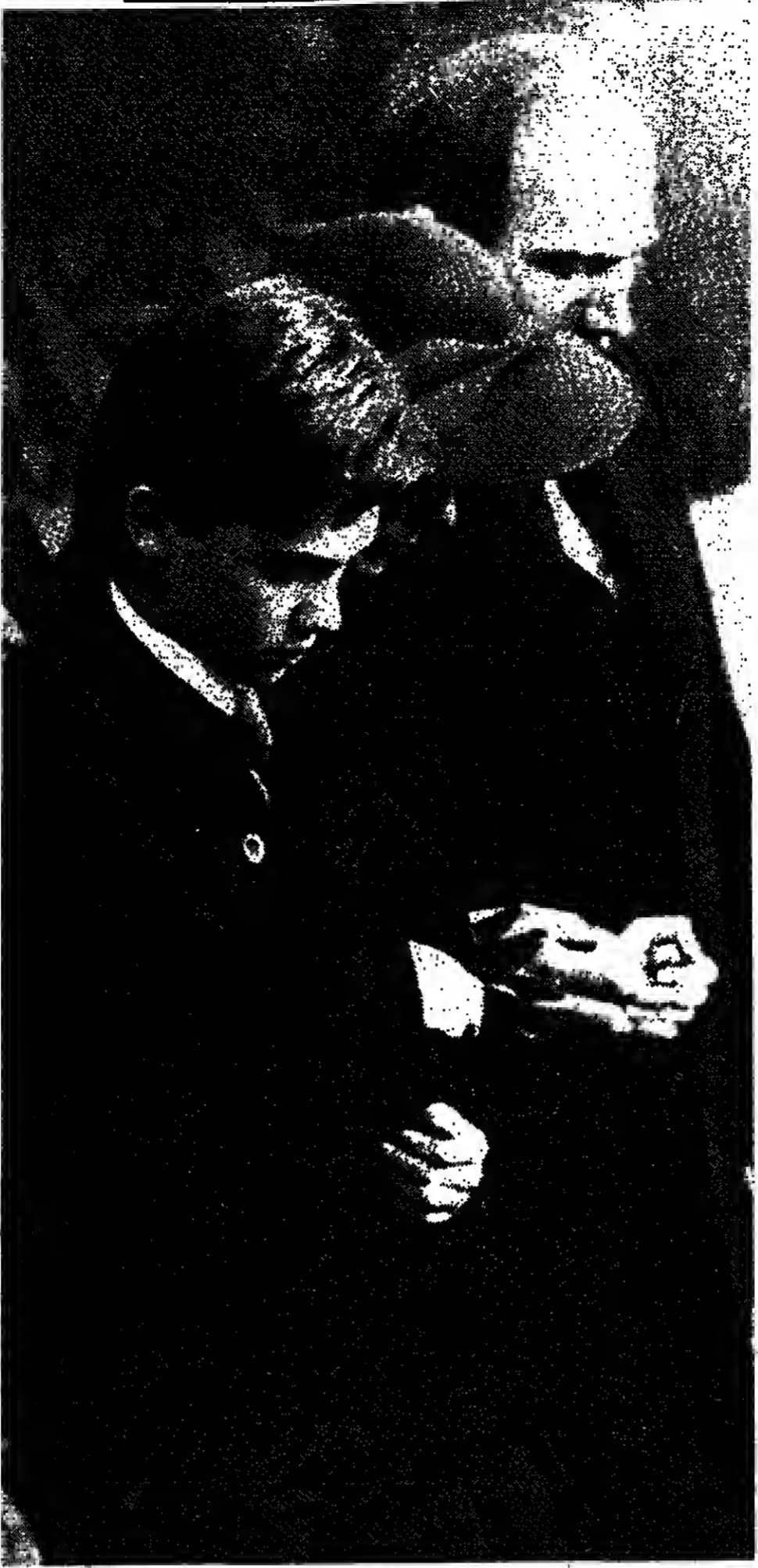
Thatcher says British pride back in fashion

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the "steady successes" of the 1980s.
Mr Kinnoch again took the nuclear defence argument head-on. One of the six choices he highlighted as facing the nation was whether Britain "pays to keep up nuclear pretence or invests its resources properly in real defence."

Cornwall mourns the death of Penhaligon, MP

Liberal leader weeps at funeral

By Howard Foster
Mr David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP, was buried yesterday on a hillside close to his home town of Truro. A Cornishman born and bred, the funeral service reflected his strong ties with the West Country constituency he represented for 12 years until his death in a car accident three days before Christmas.



Mrs Annette Penhaligon, with her son, Matthew, and brother-in-law, Mr John Penhaligon.



Mr David Steel and his wife leaving All Hallows St Kea.



Mr Roy Jenkins at the funeral service. Mr Penhaligon, "a man full of laughter and fun".

Penhaligon's legendary exuberance.
"My mind goes back often to a garden party a couple of years ago. Every one was crowded around the dart board. David and his opponent were each trying to outdo the other. The hilarity and laughter and cheers that came out of everybody... David was a man who was always full of laughter and fun," he said.

Today's events

Last chance to see
Exhibition of paintings, sketches and etchings by Alexander Charles-Jones, Charles Mackey and Harold Sayer. Nicol Centre, Brewery Ct, Cirencester; 9.30 to 4.30.

Books - biography and history

The Literary Editor's selection of biography and history of the year: Between the Woods and the Water, by Patrick Leigh Fermor (John Murray, £13.95).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,241

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 24 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS
1 Way to get extra, say? Can't answer that (6).
4 Exchange employee for one in the theatre (8).
10 Her hundred and two articles are about Ireland (9).

Tourist boards

Who's Who of British Tourist Boards has been published by the British Tourist Authority. It sets out the responsibilities, main activities and principal publications of the regional boards and of the statutory tourist boards. It also lists BTA's overseas offices.

Help with heating

Help with Heating, a factsheet published by Age Concern England, gives information on fuel problems and how best to handle them. It outlines the financial help available to elderly people on housing or supplementary benefit and also details how to apply for insulation and draught-proofing grants.

Anniversaries

Births: Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, 1720; Giovanni Pascoli, poet, 1855; Henri Matisse, painter, 1869.

Travel guide

British Rail
New Year's Eve: Normal service except some peak hour and late evening trains will not run. There will be no overnight trains except for Irish Mail boats.

Roads

London and the South-east: A2: Contraflow on the London-bound carriageway at Barham crossroads, Kent. A120: Roundabout construction along Storrford Rd. Gt Dunmow, Essex.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and USA.

Anniversaries

Deaths: John Flamsteed, first astronomer royal, 1719; Gustave Courbet, painter, 1877; Sir Malcolm Campbell, land and water speed record breaker, 1948.

WEATHER

A frontal trough over northern Scotland will move slowly as another depression approaches southern Britain. In central and northern Scotland it will be rather cold with rain at times and over high ground sleet or snow is likely.

HIGH TIDES

Table of high tide times for various locations including Aberdeen, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Devonport, Falmouth, Glasgow, Liverpool, Margate, Milford Haven, Newcastle, Oban, Penzance, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tees, and Wexford.

AROUND BRITAIN

Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Wind, etc.) for various regions across Britain such as Scarborough, Brighton, Cardiff, Exeter, Glasgow, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tees, and Wexford.

NEW YEAR CALLS

Cheap-rate local, national and most international calls will be available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 6 pm today to 8 am January 2. In Scotland the reductions will run to 8 am Monday, January 5.

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

Table showing lighting-up times for various locations including London, Edinburgh, Manchester, and Penzance.

YESTERDAY

Table showing temperatures at various locations for the previous day, including Belfast, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, and Norwich.

NOON TODAY

Table showing noon temperatures for various locations including London, Edinburgh, Manchester, and Penzance.

ABROAD

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations including Ajaccio, Akrotiri, Algiers, Ankara, Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Bern, Bonn, Brasov, Budapest, Bucharest, Cairo, Cape Town, Catania, Chicago, Chongqing, Cologne, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dallas, Delhi, Dhaka, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Gibraltar, Graz, Harbin, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Houston, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Melbourne, Miami, Moscow, Mumbai, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Taipei, Toronto, Vancouver, Warsaw, Wellington, Wichita, and Zurich.



Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1308.6 (+1.5) FT-SE 100 1673.1 (+1.5) Bargains 25720 (22827) USM (Datastream) 130.65 (+0.19) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4690 (+0.0010) W German mark 2.8601 (+0.0078) Trade-weighted 69.0 (+0.1)

US leading indicators rise 1.2%

The US index of leading indicators, the government's main barometer of economic trends, rose a healthy 1.2 per cent in November after a revised 0.5 per cent increase in October, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Hillsdown in £8.5m buy

Hillsdown Holdings, the acquisitive food manufacturing to furniture company, is buying Forrest Hodgkinson Holdings for about £8.5 million. Forrest made taxable profits of £860,000 in the year to June 30.

\$1m contract

A \$1 million (£685,000) contract has been placed with Butterley Engineering of Ripley, Derbyshire, to supply a 1,500-ton bunker for the Bethlehem Mines Corporation.

Siebe buy

Siebe, the engineering group, is stepping up its expansion plans in the United States. It is paying \$19.6 million for W.H. Salisbury of Chicago, Illinois, which makes high voltage electrical safety equipment.

Forecast lifted

Fothergill & Harvey, the advanced materials processor, has forecast second-half pre-tax profits 23 per cent higher, making a total of £2.7 million for the year. It also forecasts an 11 per cent rise in the total dividend to 9.75p and again urges shareholders to reject the £28.2 million bid from Courtaulds.

ITT \$3bn deal

The ITT Corporation is to transfer its telecommunications operations to a joint venture with the French Compagnie Générale d'Electricité for \$1.25 billion (£852 million) in cash including repayment of intra-company debt and a 37 per cent interest in the new company valued at \$1.6 billion.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1904.67 (-7.45) Nikkei Dow Closed Hang Kong 2559.36 (+6.91) Amsterdam Gen 278.4 (-1.1) Sydney AO 1470.2 (+2.7) Frankfurt Commerzbank 2048.4 (-2.6) Brussels General 4095.61 (+14.10) Paris CAC 3984.4 (-7.4) London FT A 83.52 (+0.27) Closing prices Page 21

Strong backing for Tories

CBI confident for New Year

Britain's manufacturing industries, though still struggling to boost their international competitiveness, are nevertheless entering the New Year with confidence without their traditional hangover. Stable wage rates, the prospect of tax cuts as government revenue from North Sea oil rises and privatization proceeds enter the system, plus a booming export potential all bode well in what seems certain to be an election year.



Nickson: 'picture is of steady growth'

The Confederation of British Industry, always the supporter of right-of-centre political parties, which will benefit and sustain the free enterprise system, has for the first time openly put its muscle behind a Conservative win and warned the country of what it sees as the dire consequences of a Labour victory.

more than offset the loss to bring a slow but steady fall in unemployment of about 100,000 over the year. CBI staff forecasts point to total unemployment falling below 3 million by 1988. Employment in manufacturing is expected to decline by 8,000 a month in 1987 and slow to 6,000 a month in 1988, although employment in the service sector is expected to continue to rise.

Mr Nickson said: "Overall, the picture is one of steady growth in line with the increase in world trade. International markets will continue to be intensely competitive and the ability of British firms to win a larger share will depend on their success in holding down costs, particularly unit labour costs."

Yen boost for dollar

The dollar rallied yesterday after a rather different message about the Japanese government's preferred dollar-yen rate to that indicated at the weekend.

Forecast lifted

Mr Kiehi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, said the dollar needed to be strengthened by up to 10 yen to about ¥170. This followed earlier remarks by Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Japanese central bank governor, that a lower dollar-yen rate of ¥159-¥160 would be acceptable.

World economy Tightest Japanese budget in 32 years

The Japanese government's 1987 budget features the smallest increase in spending in 32 years. Only defence, up 5.2 per cent, and overseas development aid, increased by 5.3 per cent, have been allowed to rise significantly in a \$4,101 billion yen (£231.7 billion) budget.

North Sea oil production starts to slip

North Sea oil production has started to fall from the peak of 2.7 million barrels a day it reached during the summer months. Production in December totalled 2.48 mbd according to the latest Royal Bank of Scotland oil price index. It forecasts 2.56 mbd average. The value of oil output is continuing to rise as the world price firms but although nine smaller fields increased production this was offset by reductions in output from the giant Brent, Forties and Magnus fields.



New chief for Eagle Star

Mr Michael Butt is leaving Sedgwick Group after 22 years to become chief executive of Eagle Star, the insurance subsidiary of BAT Industries, on March 1. He will also join the main board of BAT and succeed Sir Jasper Hollam as chairman of Eagle Star during 1987. He was a deputy chairman of Sedgwick Group and chairman of Sedgwick Ltd, the group's worldwide insurance broking arm.

Prior bars gas share sellers

Details of the events leading up to the unexpected decision of the Department of Trade to send in a provisional liquidator to the securities dealer Prior Harwin two days before Christmas are likely to emerge when the company holds its annual meeting today. Investors who dealt through Prior Harwin - mainly to sell British Gas shares - will not be admitted to the meeting although many questions are certain to be raised by the 200 shareholders, many of whom bought and sold shares through the company.

Call by MP for tin debt meeting

Mr Kenneth Warren, MP, the Conservative chairman of the select committee on trade and industry, yesterday called on the Government to request an emergency meeting of the 22 countries behind the International Tin Council.

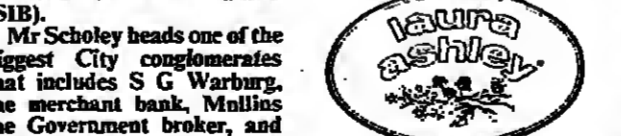
At the close of the meeting Mr Tony Prior, the Prior Harwin chairman, will make a statement on the Department of Trade decision to force his company to stop trading. A winding-up petition is due to be heard in the High Court next month. Meanwhile, cheques are now being sent to about 500 investors whose allotment letters arrived after the special manager's appointment. But an estimated 3,000 other clients must await the outcome of the court action before knowing whether they have lost all or part of their money.

The ITC collapsed in October last year when it could no longer finance its buffer stock - used to regulate the world tin price. The banks' legal moves come alongside attempts by 11 metal brokers to recover £165 million of losses arising from the ITC failure. A High Court judgment is due in mid-January on a brokers' petition to have the ITC wound up. A DTI spokesman said the Government stance remained unchanged. "We do not accept any liability for the debts of the ITC."

New Year Honours

White knights in the City

Industrial and financial leaders who have been in the forefront of change - from the thrust for exports to Big Bang in the City - figure in an honours list notable for the inclusion of many business personalities. New growth areas like retailing and leisure, and the small business sector, also receive recognition. There are nine business knights. Two from the City are David Scholey, chairman of Mercury International Group, and Mark Weinberg, who was chairman of the route-finding Marketing and Investments Board Organising Committee (Milbec) and who then became deputy chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB).



There is a knighthood for Bernard Ashley, chairman of Laura Ashley, and the organising force behind this international fashion empire even before his wife's untimely death. Dennis Landau, who joined the Co-operative Wholesale Society in 1971 and has for the past six years been its chief executive spanning not only Co-operative manufacturing but some retailing, is also awarded a knighthood.

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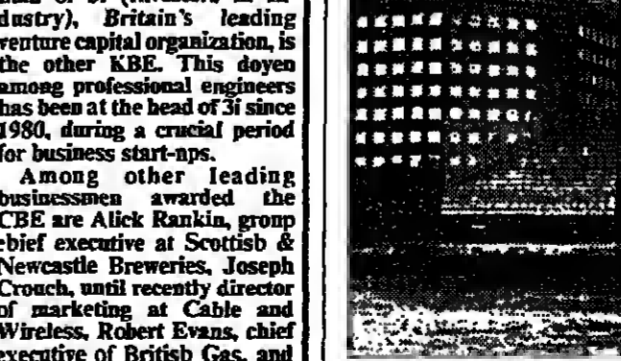
Knighthoods earned by services to Britain's export drive go to Derek Alan-Jones, managing director and chief executive of Ferranti, the defence electronics specialist, and Jeffrey Benson, the banker who is chairman of the Export Guarantees Advisory Council.

Go-ahead for US airliner

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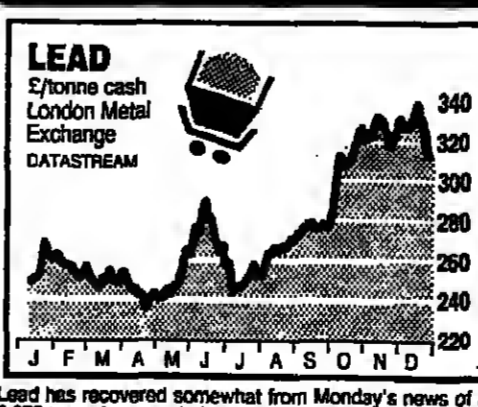
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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for company name, bid, offer, change, and yield.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for trust name, bid, offer, change, and yield.



Lead has recovered somewhat from Monday's news of a 6.27% tonne increase in LME stocks. The supply position tightened on January has finally attracted metal to the market...

Table of commodity prices including Silver, Aluminum, Nickel, and various oils. Includes columns for item name, bid, offer, and price.

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Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your own share price movements...

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Selective support

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on December 22. Dealings end January 9. Contango day January 12. Settlement day January 19.

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Sandy Lyle will be working hard to recapture his 1985 Open form for 1987 starting with the PGA Tournament of Champions

Lyle stops pulling pints to lift weights

New season gets under way with fresh challenges

By John Ballantine



Swinging in the new: Sandy Lyle and his wife, Christine, celebrate his MBE and the New Year at their public house (Photograph: Iain Stewart)

The seasonal revellers at the Five Bells... Lyle, who won the Open Championship in 1985...

Lyle, who won the Open Championship in 1985, is determined to be successful once more after a disappointing 1986...

practice ranges at some European tour venues... hard to get yourself spurred on to spend the necessary hours working on the swing...

tally fresh again but short enough to ensure that I do not lose the sharpness that I hope to have in my game...

year ahead with the defence of the Ryder Cup an obvious high spot... Being the Master of Augusta would certainly give Lyle another gigantic lift...

Mitchell Platt

Life is no bed of roses for Titmuss

By Nicholas Harring

David Titmuss, the new England coach, is quickly finding out the demands of the job he has taken on...

BASKETBALL

Clyde Vaughan and Mike Bett finishing equal top scorers on 22 points... Russell Taylor, the third new boy, sat out Monday's match...

TENNIS: WEST GERMANS LIKELY TO DOMINATE IN PLACE OF CZECHS

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

British players of either sex to advance to the third round of the singles in a grand slam tournament... The present rulers, Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova...

Balance of power moving West



Steffi Graf: success beckons, but not yet at Wimbledon

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HOCKEY

Poor play by Midlands

By Joyce Whitehead

Midlands' performances in the territorial matches at Sherbourne yesterday were as dreary and dismal as the weather...

Roses blossoming indoors

By Joyce Whitehead

England can look forward to the 1987 indoor season with renewed confidence after their success in the Dundee international tournament...

Turnbull vows to shrug off set-back

From Barry Wood, Brisbane

Wendy Turnbull, the former US Open and French Open finalist, is anxious to prove, at the age of 34, that she is not ready for retirement despite suffering one of the most embarrassing defeats of her career...

World's best take home millions again

Paris (AFP) - Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova, the world No. 1s...

Feeney will not quit the ring yet

John Feeney, twice holder of the British bantamweight championship...

Rankings under scrutiny

Alan Cooke, who is officially ranked No. 2 in England, and Carl Prean, rated by many experts as the second best player, have the chance to settle that particular argument in the Triumph Adler national championships...

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ATHLETICS

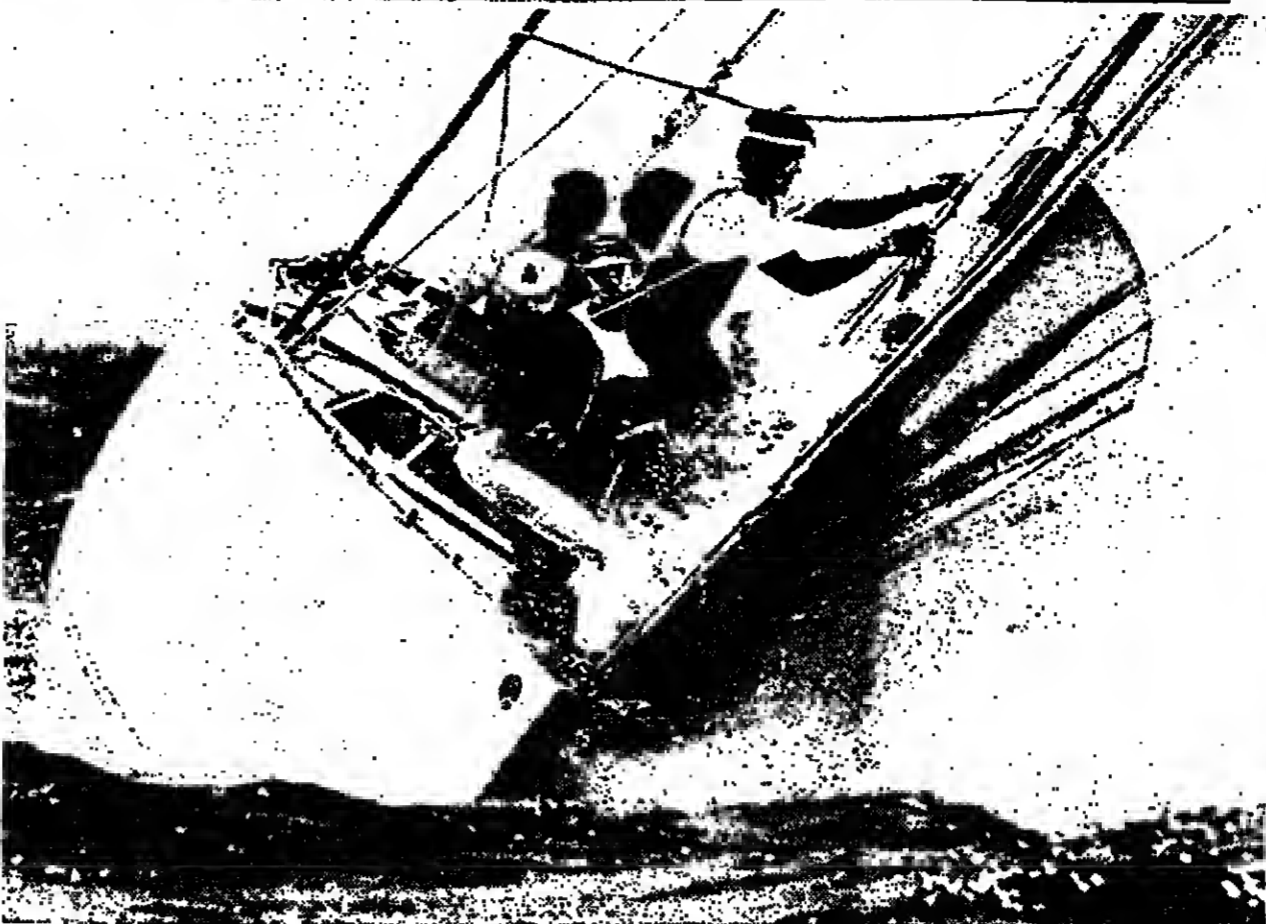
Memories of heroes at reborn Welsh road race

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The athletics New Year starts with the quick and the dead. The quick are the professional sprinters at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium, contesting the 100 metres handicap, formerly the famous Powderhall Sprint, which began 117 years ago and is now sponsored by Carlsberg.

terday the help in reviving the event he has received to the last two years from Dave Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record holder, who was also a Nos Galan winner, as well as one of the famous mystery runners.

YACHTING: NEW ZEALANDERS PROVE THEY STILL HAVE IRON IN THEIR SOULS



Rock 'n' roll: USA travelling faster than ever before - but still not fast enough to defeat Stars and Stripes yesterday

French demoralized by New Zealand

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes and New Zealand's "Plastic-Fantastic" skippered by the irrepressible Chris Dickson, both moved three up in their best-of-seven semi-finals yesterday.

garbage can, failed to open once more when the crew came to pull down the spinnaker. Their cursing was matched by the glee on the faces of the French who thought this race was all but wrapped up as they began the final beat to the finish.

From that point on the race was won. The demoralized French were forced to tack away leaving Dickson and his crew to chalk up yet another win.

going faster than when we beat them in the third round-robin series, but Dennis has somehow found a magical two-tenths of a knot extra upwind. The way we see it, it's as if he has taken on an extra 2,000 pounds of lead somewhere.

CRICKET

Stevenson Hundreds for Indian Northants batsmen

Graham Stevenson, aged 31, the former Yorkshire and England fast bowler, has been offered a one-year contract by Northamptonshire some three months after he was released following a dismal two seasons in which he bowled only 102 first-class overs for his native county.

CRICKET

Ex-Tension triumphs

Hobart (Reuter) - The Sydney sloop, Ex-Tension, won the Sydney to Hobart race on handicap yesterday after an agonizing five-hour war while the only other contender, overtook it by 11 minutes.

CRICKET

Enduring sports reference book

In his introduction, Glanville suggests that, for literate credibility, football does not need to adopt a defensive stance, though that, of course, is precisely what it is doing.

MOTOR RALLYING

Peugeot are favourites to win Paris to Dakar

Versailles (AFP) - More than 500 vehicles will set off tomorrow from the Place d'Armes here in front of the magnificent Chateau de Versailles at the start of the ninth Paris to Dakar rally.

SKI-JUMPING

Narrow win for Opaas

Obertendorf (Reuter) - Vegard Opaas, of Norway, claimed victory by the narrowest possible margin in a World Cup 90-metre competition yesterday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Topliss avoids ban in successful appeal

David Topliss, the veteran stand-off half back who has been in the game 19 years, yesterday appealed successfully to avoid a suspension from rugby league.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Meade's roll call of champions

"He is probably the best competitive rider we've ever seen" was the summing-up of Major Derek Allhusen, the president of the British Horse Society following Richard Meade's announcement that he is retiring from three-day eventing.

Second division players, first division citizens

DAVID MILLER gives his selection of the best sports books of 1986

The year has provided one or two worthwhile books reprinted, or rather re-edited with updated introductions, which usefully remind us of other eras when life was, if not better, certainly different.

Equity will never be achieved

There are good pros in the real world outside sport, Dunphy says, but that is not necessarily a prerequisite to worldly success.

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Meade's span has witnessed enormous changes in eventing, characterized mainly by the increase in sponsorship (he was sponsored by George Wimpey PLC for six years) and in the number of participants in horse trials. There were just over 1,000 competitors in 1963 compared with more than 20,000 last year.

Jenny MacArthur

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

All the best - in words and pictures

CHOICE

So what will be my abiding memories of television and radio in 1986? I mustn't pretend that they come rustling back in hordes...

consistently entertaining programme) and the Conan Doyle accuracy of Jeremy Brett's sleuth in The Adventurers of Sherlock Holmes...

Miller as he examined the amnesic world of a disorientated musician in Prisoner of Conscience...

colm Miller got people to pretend they were Catholics; and BBC Wales's No Place to Rest...



Martyn Stoubridge and Susanna Davis in a TV version of a Thomas Hardy story, Day after the Fair, on BBC1 at 9.50pm



Jimmy Mulville and Marjil Gray: on ITV, 11.30pm

BBC1

- 6.30 Ceefax AM News headlines, weather, travel and sports business. 7.00 News, regional news and weather 7.15 The Flintstones...

BBC 2

- 8.00 Ceefax. 10.40 Harold Lloyd: Excerpts from the comedian's, Girl Shy, made in 1924...

ITV LONDON

- 6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. 7.00 News...

ITV CHANNEL 4

- 12.00 World Series Baseball. Martin Tyler explains the subtleties of the game and introduces highlights from the climax of the sport's season...

VARIATIONS

- BBC1 WALES 6.15pm-6.25 Wales Today. 6.25pm-6.35 Wales and weather. SCOTLAND 6.15pm-6.25 Scotland Today...



Coronation Street New Year's Eve party: Nigel Pivaro and Jean Alexander (on ITV, 7.30pm)



Wayne Sleep gets off to a flying start as John McEneaney in Wayne Sleep's Dash on Channel 4, 7.00pm.

Advertisement for 'Make some midwinter magic. Yuletide Chicken.' featuring a recipe for chicken with cream and mushrooms, and an image of a chicken dish.

Radio 1 schedule listing programs like '6.55 Weather', '7.00 News', and '7.05 Concert: Spivey Duo'.

Radio 2 schedule listing programs like '6.00 News', '6.30 Sports Desk', and '7.00 News'.

Radio 3 schedule listing programs like '6.55 BBC Scottish SO in Sirling' and '7.00 Concert: Spivey Duo'.

Radio 4 schedule listing programs like '6.10 Farming Today', '6.57 Morning Parade', and '7.00 Today'.

Advertisement for Cynthia Haymon's play 'Porgy and Bess, R3, 6.15pm' with a photo of the actress and details about the production.

SPORT

West Indies wilt in the heat of Pakistan attack

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

They have been round the Australian pyjama shops again, finding a green strip for Pakistan, grey for West Indies, blue for England and yellow for the host country...

petition tomorrow, against Australia. Needing to name 14 players from whom to choose, they will probably leave out French and Slack...

Table with cricket statistics including names like Shoaib Akhtar, Imran Khan, and scores.



Quick silver: Hayes has made a fast impression with Arsenal (Photograph: Peter Trivelpoz)

Value of Hayes up tenfold to £250,000 in three months

By Clive White On a day when football heaped a further accolade upon George Graham's youth...

Punter's £50,000 bet on Arsenal An anonymous punter yesterday walked into a London bookmaker and bet £50,000...

full fitness, is playing for the reserves. Graham admits that he made an error when he considered selling Hayes...

Worcester step up hunt for Botham

By Chris Moore Mike Jones, Worcestershire's cricket committee chairman, arrives in Perth today armed with a contract which the county are confident will soon bear the signature of Ian Botham...

One-day game is winning

Cricket's dependence on the one-day game is expected to be underlined once more during the next week in Perth, where large crowds are likely to gather for the Benson and Hedges Challenge involving England, Australia, Pakistan and West Indies...

You'll get caught up in Politics on the way to the Theatre.

You'll also find dozens of other categories in the TLS Listings. It's a new, unique, accurate and up-to-date weekly listing of new and forthcoming books...

Table with columns for Subject Classification, Author, Title, Publisher, and Price, listing various books.

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Saxton sacked by Blackburn

By Steve Bates Bobby Saxton was dismissed as manager of Blackburn Rovers yesterday after five-and-a-half years in charge...

Town, means that the second division's two longest-serving managers have been sacked within a week...

sure to serve the club for so long and I leave with no animosity on my part. I didn't want to resign because I couldn't have walked out on the players at a time when they needed support...

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1987: the year of a British Wimbledon win

The uncanny infallibility of their prognostications makes it obvious to everyone that journalists, to a person, have the gift of second sight...



Simon Barnes

Cricket

New legislation will bring powerful punishment on any bowler who deliberately endangers a batsman. The era of the fast bowler will end at a stroke...

Snooker

The world snooker final attracts a television audience of 10 million. Television abandons the game and starts to cover croquet...

Rugby Union

The Rugby Union issues the following statement: "We now realize that our support of South African rugby has been a source of great comfort to those who operate the apartheid system..."

Yachting

The America's Cup competition will stop dead on January 1 and will never be contested again. The organizers will say: "The competition is not only silly, it is also incredibly boring and ridiculously expensive..."

Horse Racing

The bookmakers will abolish themselves, and force the sport to establish a tote monopoly. A spokesman for the bookmakers says: "We have bled the sport white for years. It is time to give racing back to itself..."

Tennis

A previously unheard-of British boy, aged 17, will win Wimbledon as a qualifier. He will be admired for his resolution, his confidence in adversity, and his ability to deal ruthlessly with inferior players...

Boxing

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Football

Skilful legislation and the abnegation of all vested interest will turn the tide against hooliganism. Clubs will acknowledge their debt to Luton and Watford as football matches become sane and delightful occasions...

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RUGBY UNION Moriarty welcomed back to the fold

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent Paul Moriarty, omitted from the Welsh trial and the subsequent national squad of 33 earlier this month, was restored to favour yesterday when he was added to the Welsh forwards who trained in Cardiff during the evening...

country, he should hold off the challenge of such players as Phil Pugh (Neath) for the blind-side flanker's place...

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